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Office of the Chief of Police
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February 21, 2012

Honorable Judge Joseph G. Will
251 N. Ridgewood Avenue
Daytona Beach, FL 32114

Dear Judge Will:

I'm writing this letter to express my outrage at your labeling two Daytona Beach police officer's liars. Not only myself but the entire organization takes umbrage at this attack on both of these officer's integrity and professionalism.

Clearly, your order reflects your personal bias against Supreme Court and Florida Court decisions that allow police to use deception in certain circumstances to further their investigations. As you are well aware, there is a major difference between deception during an investigation and perjury. No police chief or police organization condones officers fabricating evidence, falsifying police reports, lying in court or lying during internal proceedings.

In your attempt to be Solomon-like in handing down your recent decree, you impugned the integrity of my officers and this organization. Further, you skewed the facts of the case to editorialize your disdain for current legal precedents that allow officers to do their job legally and properly. That is a fatal flaw in a judge's ability to show fairness and impartiality.

In closing, I would like to quote one of our Founding Father's John Adams during court proceedings in 1770, "Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or dictates of our passion; they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence".

Sincerely,

Michael J. Chitwood
Chief of Police

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